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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce
DR. H. C. PRATT
of Brookfield township as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of recorder of deeds of Linn county, subject to the will of the republican voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce
JOHN N. WILSON
as a candidate for county clerk, subject to the will of the republican voters at the August primary.

TAFT AND THE SUFFRAGETTES

The President's Reception Seemed to Justify
His Attitude on the Question

An episode of the week of no very great importance, but withal having some significance, was the address of the president to the leaders of the national woman's suffrage association in this city. The president did not squarely take issue with the propaganda, but expressed some doubt as to the ultimate results of the enfranchisement of the sex. These doubts were perhaps justified from his long study and observation of male suffrage and from his knowledge that the man best qualified to vote most frequently had his vote cancelled by the worst qualified voter. He knows, as does every statesman, that suffrage is at best a makeshift and that until a combined psychometer and phrenometer shall be invented which will accurately take stock of the mind and morals of the voter and a law be passed that will enable every man's vote to weigh according to his stock of sense and soul, popular suffrage cannot be more than a blundering, clumsy instrument for the attainment of wisdom and purity in government.

or perhaps a few thousand good women to imagine that they have in suffrage a panacea for the cure of bad government. They have not thought enough or gone deep enough historically or philosophically into the subject. Well, Mr. Taft tried to tell them something of this kind, although he would not have dared to have spoken out as plainly as your humble correspondent, and his gentle advice was received with hisses and cat calls, almost under the eaves of the White House, from the ladies in the audience, who showed that they were no more polite than men and even less reverential. Whatever may be said against the president, he is a man and a gentleman. If these ladies had called on Dr. Samuel Johnson, they would doubtless have been received with the "Fiddle de de, my dears" in which he replied to a deputation of ladies who congratulated him on the publication of Rasselas. Today it is said the responsible members of the national woman's suffrage league are trying to throw the responsibility for the impoliteness upon unattached female hoodlums in the audience.

The work for the establishment of a Washington memorial in the shape of a great forum or hall to be used by visiting delegations and congresses from all parts of the United States and the world is proceeding successfully. The structure is to be known as the George Washington Memorial Building. Tentative plans for the building, which will contain an immense auditorium seating not less than five thousand people and a number of smaller halls to be used by scientific and literary and patriotic societies, have been submitted. It is also proposed that future inaugural balls shall be held in this memorial building.

Indications point to the adoption by congress of the two battleship program. Senator Hale of Maine, a strenuous opponent of big ships, it is thought will not oppose them this year, and the sentiment for these colossal ships is strong in the house of representatives. There was much talk in the early part of the session about an empty treasury and that it was needful to be economical. There has recently been little talk of this kind. The revenues of the government are rapidly increasing under the present tariff.

There was much talk in the early part of the session about an extensive waterways program. Senator Burton of Ohio, than whom no one better understands the inland navigation situation, has filed a minority report on the rivers and harbor bill. It will be remembered that Senator Burton was for many years head of the rivers and harbor committee of the lower house. He there acquired a more thorough knowledge at first hand of the rivers and harbors schemes in the United States than any other man. What he knows about waterways in this country and Europe he has gained by profound investigation or at first hand. In short, he is an authority and probably better entitled to be heard than any man in the United States. In his minority report he denounces squarely what he calls a "dribbling policy," in appropriations for harbor and river purposes. He is opposed to the system making a lot of small piecemeal appropriations instead of those sufficiently large for the completion of the work. But the most notable feature of his minority report relates to the conflict between water and railroad transportation. For years it has been the policy of the railroads to reduce rates on certain classes of freight for the purpose of driving river steamboat navigation out of business. He desires to have the interstate commerce commission fix minimum rates on railroads when necessary to protect water transportation.

EVERY republican who subscribes for and patronizes a local republican newspaper contributes to his party, for the doctrines, policies and achievements of the republican party are disseminated by republican party newspapers. To the republican press, more than to any other agency, is due credit for the success of the party in Missouri.

GOVERNOR HADLEY was thrown into a peek o' trouble when two police commissioners in St. Louis, two in Kansas City and one in St. Joseph resigned within a week. But who could imagine that Governor Hadley is not equal to such an emergency? His prompt action in each case and his satisfactory adjustment of all the difficulties involved have again made his executive ability notable. We have a governor who cannot be disconcerted. He knows how and is always ready to do what is to be done without hesitation or haste—mighty good qualities in a governor. He usually consults men who can give him information, but when he acts it is his own judgment in operation—not that of some one else. It may be said again, there are no deputy governors under Hadley.

No, GOVERNOR HADLEY did not try to persuade Major and Gordon and Roach to raise the taxes of farmers. He just tried to have them follow the constitution and fix assessments according to the value of the property assessed. He believes that the constitution under which the government of Missouri exists is binding on all state officers and as he took an oath to support it he is not willing to ignore it, to strain it or to stretch it in order to hold or gain votes for his party.

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Obituary

Dr. J. T. Polson was born Sept. 1, 1831, in Jasper, Dubois county, Indiana, where he received his early education and later taught in the public schools of Dubois county. He was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1864. In 1866 he married Mary Ellen McMahon, and has since resided in Laclede, where for 44 years he practiced medicine.

During his early medical work he became interested in economic conditions and throughout his life was active in politics. In 1896 he was a candidate for congressman in this district on the populist ticket. His later years were devoted to the promulgation of his ideas along po-

litical lines and the temperance cause in the county was materially aided through his efforts.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. M. E. Polson and family wish hereby to express their gratitude to the many friends for their kindness extended during the late illness and death of their beloved husband and father.

Many men act as if they were "so many" that we should think their wives would feel as if they had committed bigamy.

An eastern man who was down and out went insane and started to bark and bite. It might be said that he went to the dogs.

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